

Platte River Bridge Trail Phase 2  
Trail Construction Project  
MAPA77(62); C.N. 22770

**LOCATION:** The proposed *Platte River Bridge Trail* project would construct a new 0.56 mile paved pedestrian trail along the east side of U.S. Highway 34/75 (US-34/75) in Cass and Sarpy counties. The proposed project would start at Beach Road, approximately 250 feet east of US-34/75 (MM 383.50) in Cass County and would extend north along the east side of the US-34/75 bridge over the Platte River (S034 38367R) to Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District R-613 levee, approximately 500 feet east of US-34/75 (MM 283.95) in Sarpy County before terminating in the right of way of Allied Road.

**PURPOSE AND NEED:** The purpose of this project is to provide recreation and active transportation connectivity across the Platte River along the U.S. Highway 34/75 Bridge. The need for this project is based on there being no alternative recreation connection in the area, with the closest bicycle and pedestrian bridge being the Lied Bridge, located between Nebraska Highway 50 and Interstate 80, approximately 16 miles to the west.

**SCOPE OF WORK:** The improvements on this project would include a 14-foot-wide trail (10-foot paved and 2-foot earthen shoulders on each side) for the segments north and south of the bridge, and 12-foot-wide paved trail on the previously built substructure/superstructure on the east side of the US-34/75 bridge. New trail abutments would be required on the north and south sides of the Platte River. Additional improvements include a new culvert extension and grate inlets with underdrains along the west side of the trail. The trail bridge over the Platte River would also include railing and covered observation decks on the east side and fencing between the trail and US-34/75. Construction of the trail project also includes the construction of a sediment basin to replace the existing basin impacted by construction.

**PROJECT SCHEDULE:** The proposed project is currently in the preliminary design phase. The project is tentatively scheduled for construction in the Summer of 2022.

**RIGHT-OF-WAY:** This project would not require the acquisition of additional property rights. Access to adjacent properties would be maintained during construction but may be limited at times due to phasing requirements.

**POTENTIAL IMPACTS:** The trail corridor is anticipated to have minor impacts to wetlands and/or other water resources along the project; mitigation would be required. The Platte River Water Trail is present underneath the US-34/75 bridge. Construction of the recreational trail on the bridge would not impact the water trail and use of the water trail would remain open during construction.

**ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC:** This project would be constructed under traffic with lane closures controlled by appropriate traffic control devices and practices.

**ESTIMATED COST:** The project is estimated to cost \$2.6 million, which includes design, inspection, and construction costs. The project would be funded with 80% Federal Transportation funds and 20% local funds provided by an interlocal agreement between City of Bellevue, City of Plattsmouth, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, Lower Platte South Natural Resources District, Sarpy County and Cass County.



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